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1. (Unclassified - MMF) Received a call from Barbara Perry, in the office of Senator Ribicoff (D., Conn.), requesting an interview for a constituent, [REDACTED]. Arrangements were made with Mr. [REDACTED] OP, for tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

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2. (Unclassified - RCR) Erik Rasmussen, in the office of Representative Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.), called and requested that the [REDACTED]

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3. ([REDACTED] GLC) Accompanied Messrs. James Frey and James Taylor, of OMB, and Mr. John Clarke, OPPB, to a meeting with Messrs. Woodruff and Preston, of the Senate and House Appropriations Committee staffs. At the meeting Mr. Frey brought up the subject of interim funding for Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty and proposed a transfer of funds from DOD to CIA in an amount equivalent to one year's budget for the Radios. Woodruff opposed but said he would take up with Senators Ellender (D., La.) and Young (R., N. Dak.) an alternative proposal made by Mr. Frey to carry interim funding under the continuing resolution. Mr. Preston indicated that Mr. Mahon has previously indicated that he has no objection to the continuing resolution approach. (See Mr. Clarke's Memorandum for the Record) Mr. David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, was advised of the discussions.

Bill Woodruff called later to say that he had talked with Chairman Ellender about the Radios and Ellender has told him that he would not agree to any continued funding of the Radios which was not in the open. With regard to the use of the continuing resolution, Woodruff said Ellender "didn't say yes and didn't say no." He added, however, that if the Administration wished to use the continuing resolution approach, Ellender would want a letter from "somebody" to this effect. He said the letter should also indicate that there is no objection to the Chairman's stating on the floor at the time the resolution is considered that it contains interim funds for the Radios pending action on the Case bill. Woodruff said again that Ellender is not in favor of continuing the Radios and is willing to help with an appropriation to cover the cost of their termination. Mr. Abshire is being advised of this development.